GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
RAILWAYS
LOK SABHA

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LOWER BERTH TO SENIOR CITIZENS AND WOMEN
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Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether the announcement in regard to reserving lower berths for women and senior citizens was made in the Rail Budget for 2007-08 whereas additional charges upto Rs.15 to 20 are being taken from women and senior citizens for reserving lower berth under the new system;

(b) if so, the reasons for imposing additional charges;

(c) the reaction of the Railways thereto; and

(d) the details of incidents reported in this regard and the action taken thereon?

Answer

MINISTER OF THE STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI R.VELU)

(a): Although instructions have been issued for earmarking of a combined quota of lower berths for Senior Citizens, Female passengers 45 years of age and above, and Pregnant Women travelling alone, no additional charges have been imposed.

(b) to (d): Do not arise.